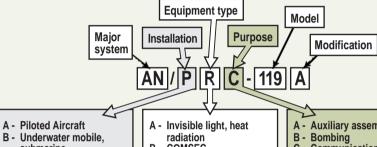
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Ever wonder what all those equipment letter combinations mean—like PRC, RT. VRC. UXC? It's simple once you know the code. The code is in MIL-STD-196E (Feb 98), Joint Electronics Type Designation System.

For example, the nomenclature for the SINCGARS manpack radio is AN/ PRC-119A. After the AN (Army-Navy) prefix, each letter stands for a characteristic of the equipment. The number simply refers to the equipment model. So, your AN/PRC-119A is a P (portable) R (radio) C (communications) device. Here are more:



- submarine
- C Cryptographic D Pilotless carrier
- F Fixed ground
- G General ground use
- K Amphibious
- M Mobile, ground
- P Portable S - Water
- Transportable, ground
- U General utility
- V Vehicular, ground
- W Water surface and
- underwater combined Z - Piloted/ pilotless
- airborne vehicle combined

- B COMSEC
- C Carrier-electronic wave/ signal
- D Radiac
- E Laser
- F Fiber optics
- G Telegraph or teletype
- I Interphone and public address
- J Electromechanical or inertial wire covered
- K Telemetering
- L Countermeasures
- M Meteorological
- N Sound in air
- P Radar
- Q Sonar and underwater sound
- R Radio
- S Special types, magnetic, etc., or combination of
- T Telephone (wire)
- V Visual and visible light
- W Armament
- X Facsimile or television
- Y Data processing
- Z Communications

- A Auxiliary assembly
- C Communications (receiving and transmitting)
- D Direction finder reconnaissance and surveillance
- E Ejection and/or release
- G Fire control or searchlight directing
- H Recording/reproducing
- K Computing
- M Maintenance/ test assemblies
- N Navigational aids Special or combination
- R Receiving, passive detecting
- S Detecting/range and bearing, search
- T Transmitting
 W Automatic flight or remote control
- X Identification and recognition
- Surveillance and control
- Z Secure

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Some gear uses only one or two-letter codes. Here's a partial list of those:

AB - Support for antennas

AM - Amplifiers

AS - Antennas, simple and complex

Battery, primary type

Battery, secondary type

BZ - Alarm units

Controls

CA - Computers auxiliary units

Controlling devices

CM - Comparators

CN - Compensators

CP - Computers

Couplers

CV - Converters (electronic)

CW - Radomes

CX - Cable assemblies, non-RF

Cases and cabinets

DA - Load, dummy

Data transmission

Detecting heads

Filter units

Fiber optics

Frequency measuring device

Generators, power

Head, hand, chest sets

Environmental apparatus Indicator units, non-cathode ray

Intensity measuring devices

Indicator units, cathode ray tube

Key generator Keying devices

LA - Laser

LS - Loudspeakers Microphones

MD - Modulators, demodulators. discriminators

ME - Meters

MK - Miscellaneous kits

ML - Meteorological devices

MO - Multipurpose

MT - Mountings

MU - Memory units

MW - Microwave

MX - Miscellaneous

O - Oscillators

OE - Antenna groups

PL - Plug-in units PP - Power supplies

PU - Power equipment

Receivers

RB - Robotics

Recorder-reproducers RE - Relay assembly units

RL - Reeling machines RO - Recorders

RT - Receiver and transmitters

Shelters

SA - Switching units

SB - Switchboard

SG - Generator, signal SM - Simulators

SU - Optical units

SY - Speech, secure

T - Transmitters

TA - Telephone apparatus

TD - Timing devices

TF - Transformers TH - Telegraph apparatus

TN - Tuning units

TR - Transducers TS - Test units

TT - Teletypewriters and facsimiles

ZM - Impedance measuring devices

